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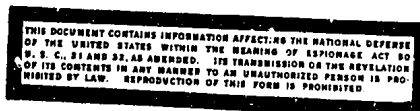
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PARTICIPANTS IN FIRST CONGRESS OF HUNGARIAN  
 MICROBIOLOGISTS HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE

Budapest (Tass) 10 January -- A press conference for Hungarian and foreign reporters was held in Budapest on 9 January 1952. Representatives of scientists of the Soviet Union, the People's Democracies, People's Republic of China, and the German Democratic Republic, who participated in the work of the first congress of Hungarian microbiologists, answered the questions of the reporters, discussed their work for the benefit of their people and all humanity, and shared their impressions of the congress. The leader of the Soviet delegation, Professor M. M. Mayevskiy, Laureate of the Stalin Prize, said that the work of Soviet microbiologists was directed toward the complete liquidation of infectious diseases. Professor F. F. Talyzin discussed the part that Soviet microbiology had played in the great construction works of Communism.

Dr Kim Pae-tyon, member of the Korean delegation, said that the US Army, at the time of its retreat in December 1950, infected the population with smallpox and other epidemic diseases, in the hope that the epidemics would also spread to the army of the heroic Korean fighters and the Chinese volunteers. However, he pointed out that the devoted work of the Korean physicians, public health workers, and bacteriology specialists foiled the nefarious plans of the imperialists and prevented the spread of the epidemic.

Discussing the importance of the first congress of Hungarian microbiologists, the scientists of the countries friendly with Hungary emphasized that the problems discussed at the congress were of great importance. The microbiologists of the various countries represented at the congress shared their valuable experiences and further strengthened the bonds between the scientific activities of the democratic countries.

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